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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF: Gerard HOTIER et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/762,580

FILING DATE: February 9, 2001

FOR: SYSTEM FOR INJECTING A DIVERSIFIED FLUID IN A SMALL SIMULATED MOVING BED  
SEPARATION PROCESS

GAU: 1724

EXAMINER: Ivars C. Cintins

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status.

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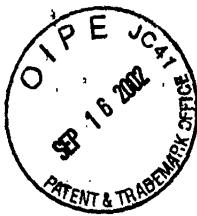
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**REPLY**

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

The existing Abstract has been replaced with the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A device for separating at least one compound from a mixture or a body by adsorption with a simulated moving bed, comprising at least:  
an enclosure or column comprising one or more adsorbent beds (Ai), two adsorbent beds being separated by at least one fluid distribution and extraction plate (Pi), the plate comprising one or more panels allowing distribution, mixing and/or extraction of the fluids, at least one panel comprising a single distribution, mixing and/or extraction chamber (Ci),